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Yup, done.

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I am about to sign off for the day, but feel free to give me a call on my cell Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) and I'd be happy to talk it out.

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See my suggested edits.

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Hi Linda,

As we discussed in the morning's meeting, Randall Chase the reporter from AP had some follow up questions regarding Blades and Nonresponsive based on revised scope (see below). Our recommended responses are **in bold**. Please let me know if you approve in their current form or would like changes.

Thanks,

David

Blades

- EPA selected a contractor on Dec. 18, 2020 to assist EPA on the Remedial Investigation. Who is the contractor?

Our contractor is AECOM..

- EPA is working with our contractor to develop Site-Specific plans (Health and Safety Plans, Field Sampling Plans, general work planning) in preparation for Remedial Investigation Activities. What is the timeline?

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- EPA installed background monitoring wells in March of 2021 to assist in the evaluation of groundwater and provide a reference to compare Site-Specific contamination to naturally occurring concentrations. How many wells were installed, how deep, and where are they in relation to the site?

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- EPA anticipates sampling residential wells for PFOA/PFAS compounds and other contaminants of potential concern starting in the summer of 2021. This activity also occurred in 2018 and residents with PFOA/PFOS exceedances are currently being provided treatment units by DNREC. How many wells will be sampled? Are they the same wells that were previously sampled, or are they new wells identified for sampling? If they are new wells, what was the criteria for selecting them? How many wells were previously sampled, and how many residents are currently being provided treatment units as a result?

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- EPA further plans to sample the public water supply in the Town of Blades. This is an activity that has been ongoing since 2018 by DNREC to ensure the treatment unit installed on the public water supply continues to be effective. The town of Blades treats their water supply and meets state and federal standards. When was the last time the public supply wells were tested? What were the results?

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